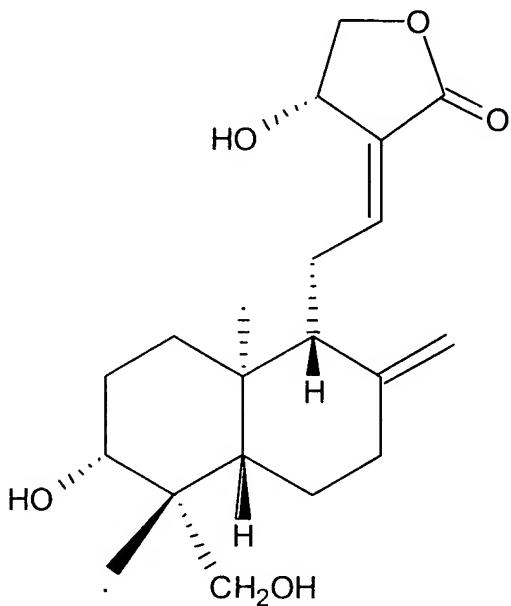


ABSTRACT

The diterpenic labdane 3-[2-[decahydro-6-hydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)-5,ha-dimethyl-2-methylene-1-naphthalenyl]ethylidene]-dihydro-4-hydroxy-2(3h)-furanone, chemically



5 diagrammed as , inhibits the synthesis of pro-inflammatory cytokines, activates the PPAR-gamma receptor and diminishes nuclear factor kappa B.

The compound is useful to treat auto-immune diseases, for organ and tissue transplantation, and to treat immunodeficiency (e.g., AIDS).

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